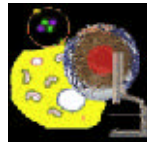


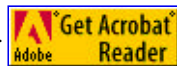
The **lysosome** is a small, round structure common in animal cells, but not usually found in plant cells. The lysosome is involved in digestive activities, including breaking down large food molecules into smaller ones and the digestion of old cell parts.



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